Sounder Commuter Rail

Sumner Station Access Improvements Project

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Project Background

Sound Transit will improve access to Sumner Station for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Improvements will be complete by 2021. Voters approved funding to improve access at Sounder stations on the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

Over 1,000 people a day ride a Sounder train or ST Express bus from the Sumner Station. About two-thirds of Sounder riders drive and park at the Sumner Station, the Red Apple lot or on City streets. Another 20 percent use bus services to access the station. Many of these riders find station access difficult because parking is full by 6 a.m. Traffic congestion creates delays at intersections around the station, affecting both drivers and buses.

Sound Transit is predicting a 50 percent increase in ridership by 2035 - approximately 600 new riders in Sumner alone. To help meet demand, three Sounder south line round trips will be added by 2017. Additional parking and congestion management will be required to meet this growing ridership demand. Similarly, additional bicycle and pedestrian amenities will expand non-motorized access to the station. The total budget for the project is $39 million.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Onsite parking garage at Sumner Station (400 stalls or more)
- Strategic pedestrian access improvements within 1/4 mile of the station
- Strategic bicycle access improvements within 1/2 mile of the station
- Traffic improvements in the station area
- Car, bike and pedestrian access improvements to the SR 410/ Traffic Avenue interchange, funded by a partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation and cities of Puyallup and Sumner

Area of proposed improvements:

New garage

Strategic bus access and traffic management improvements within ¼ mile of the Sounder station

Strategic sidewalk improvements

Strategic accessible curb ramp improvements (locations and type TBD)

Bike storage (location TBD)

Potential pedestrian/bicycle access bridge

Station area lighting

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Project Timeline

2000-2012

- Sounder commuter rail service begins
- Sound Transit 2 funding approved (2008)
- Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study (2010 – 2012)

2013

- Leadership working groups: developed project goals and evaluation criteria for improved access alternatives
- Multi-modal access alternatives development: received community input on improvement options considered in development of six multi-modal access packages
- Sound Transit Board identified preferred package of improvements for environmental review and preliminary design (August)

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2015-2016

- Environmental review
- Preliminary design

2016-2018

- Final design
- Right-of-way/property acquisition and permitting

2019-2021

- Construction
- Improvements complete 2021

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